



THE LOMAX CHURCH OF CHRIST MESSENGER

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Ready to Go Back to School??

It's back to school time! What does that mean for us now? We don't know but it probably involves a lot of hand sanitizer, social distancing, and anxiety. All we can do is prepare as best we can for whatever might happen. Are you prepared?

Prepare for the future by trusting the One who holds the future. God said, "I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do my will" (Is. 46:10). Psalm 33:11 says, "The counsel of the LORD stands forever, the purposes of His heart to all generations." Isaiah praised God saying, "O LORD, You are my God. I will exalt You; I will praise your name. For You have worked wonders--plans formed long ago in perfect faithfulness" (Is. 25:1). As we read these Scriptures, we are tempted to explain their meaning away into far lesser claims. We do ourselves a disservice when we discredit the Scriptures. We rob ourselves of the providence of God which should be the pillow upon which we rest our head. God is in control. Trust him.

Prepare for the future by praying to the One who holds the future. Since we know God is in control and we trust that he makes all things to work together for our good and his glory (Rom. 8:28), the most reasonable course of action we might take is to pray. The Spirit said, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). Jesus said, "When you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matt. 6:6). Jesus taught, "ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Lk. 11:9). Paul commanded, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving" (Col. 4:2). Pray. God is listening. Prayer is the most powerful thing you can do.

Are you ready to go back to school? I doubt that any of us are really ready for whatever the future holds. God isn't just ready for it, God is in control. God bends everything to his purposes for his glory and our good. Trust him and pray

D. L. DeBord

Welcome to Lomax!

A special welcome to our guests!

We are glad to have you visiting with us today! You are welcome here. We know you have a choice of where to worship, and you chose to be with us today — thank you.

At Lomax we want to be the church we read about in the Bible. Our goal is to glorify God with our worship and with our lives and to point people to Jesus Christ.

If you need anything during the service, ushers in the lobby can direct you to restrooms, the nursery, or a telephone. Please do us the favor of filling out a blue card located on the back of the pew in front of you. If you have any questions or if we can help



Devotional July 26th

after PM Services.

**Bring Desserts & Drinks
Please see Kara or Matthew
Farr if you would like to
donate for school supplies.**

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Sick: *Jan Ammons* had successful surgery and is now at home recovering. *Pop Hinson* is home and progressing after surgery. *Howard Spears* got a good report from his tests. *Deena Reeves* will have knee surgery July 31st. *Donald Greene*, the uncle of *Jessie DeBord* has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep all the **patients, nurses and administration** at our nursing home during the pandemic.

Please keep all these in your prayers.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *Angela Milam*. No arrangements have been made at this time.

Sympathy: to the family and friends of *C. R. Baker*, the grandfather of *Wesley Carroll*. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Continue to remember: *June Bates—Life Care of Centerville, Harper Bastin, Bernard Curry, Barbara Eglinton, Rochelle Ely, Dustin Flowers, Charles Hensley, Janice Johnston, Gene Kilpatrick, Ann Kittrell, Jane Lawson, Lynda Bates Mercer, Barbara Meredith, Mann Nutt, Lisa Rawdon, Sarah Rogers, Howard Spears, Anthony Turner, Richard Whitehead and Charles Williams*

Shut-ins: *Glen Ammons, Bessie Edwards, Sharon Edwards, Michael Gray and Jimmy Griner*

In Lewis County Nursing & Rehab Center: *Gene Durham, Tiny Hinson, Michelle Huff, Tommy Shaw, Betty Stafford and Jane West.*

Remember our military: *Dustin Brugmann* (grandson of Jim & Sharon Grinder), *Kerry Conkle* (grandson of Ralph & Sue Conkle), *Jacob Fite* (nephew of Tommy & Sandra Clayton), *Kason Halfacre* (son of Patrick & Vickie Halfacre), *Cameron Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), *Ethan Hardison* (nephew of Don & Barbara Meredith), and *Brent Willis* (grandson of Harold & Janice Sublett).

If anyone has a desire in taking care of the roses, please see one of the elders.



Food For Friends:
July 30th

Team 6 (Kay & Annette)

If anyone can help deliver meals, be at the CSC at 10:30 am



**Food
for Families**

Our monthly Food for Families distribution is **Thursday, August 20th.**

If you have not brought your grocery items in, please do so by Wed. morning if possible.



A LOOK AHEAD

July 26— Back to School Devo.

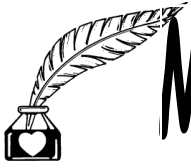
Aug. 30— Baby Shower for Leanna Owens.

Sept. 13— Friends/Family Day & Devo. At the Park

BIBLE RESEARCH QUESTION:

Who said, "What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day?"
(answer next week)

KNOW YOUR BIBLE



Meditations with Malcom

A special welcome to all our visitors. We are glad you have come our way. Remember that Lomax is truly a growing church for a coming Lord. Also, great to see an excellent attendance last Sunday. We had a number of visitors and excellent planning session. Keep up the good word. Remember that the Son always shines at Lomax. Also, let us continue to pray for Lomax and our nation so we can go forward in the Master's service.

Back To School may be around the corner a young boy was walking the beach picking up and throwing starfish back into the ocean. An old man meet him and asked, "what are you doing?" The boy replied, "the starfish have washed ashore and can't return by themselves." The old man said, "there are thousands of them are you really making a difference?" The boy reached down and threw another one back replying, "it made a difference to that one." One by one we make a difference.

On The Lighter Side: A man's friend made a beautiful plaque honoring his service. He asked the preacher where it should be placed. The preacher asked if he died in the morning or evening service....A little girl was asked if she said her prayers every night. "No, not every night because some times I don't need anything....He was in school so long that the other kids brought him apples thinking he was the teacher.

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Primetimer class Wednesday at 10 AM we are discussing how we can each take our unique gifts, abilities and experiences to teach and influence others for Christ. You may think you have nothing to give to the Lord. You would be mistaken. Moses was a man of great humility. Numbers 12:3 (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) Moses did not think he was the man for the job rescuing Israel from Egyptian bondage, but God knew. Exodus 3:10-11 ¹⁰ Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. ¹¹ And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt?

The end of the story is God used Moses to do great wonders. Do not limit what God can do in your life.

Why Go to Church?

A churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals but I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

*via Grand Blanc
church of Christ
Grand Blanc, MI*

BY THE NUMBERS
For the week of 7/19

A.M. Bible Class	126
A.M. Worship Service	190
P.M. Worship Service	116
Wednesday PM	92
Contribution:	\$6,978.00
Weekly Budget	\$6,000.00

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study — 9:00 am
Worship Services — 10:00 am
Sunday Evening — 6:00 pm
Wednesday Primetimers - 10:00 am
Wednesday Bible Study — 7:00 pm

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School**
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**Last week's Know Your
Bible Answer:**

Isaiah
Isaiah 2:22



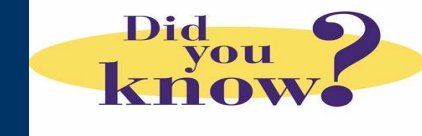
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Visitation Book on the Round Ta-
ble in the foyer.**

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(Youth, L2L)
Jeff Spears
(Education)
Marty Spears
(Finance)



Lomax has 87 folks involved in the school system. We have over 100 if you count our retired teachers. We have 39 that are either teachers, bus drivers, teacher aides, central office or ties to administration. We have representation in 4 counties. We have 15 kids in high school, 8 in middle school, 4 in intermediate school, 10 in elementary school, 3 attending Columbia Academy, 6 in home school and 5 attending college. Thanks to all who have donated and participated in our Back to School.

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